

Dangers of UN Treaties Told

Several hundred guests, including such prominent southern Californians as Adolph Menjou, Mrs. Justus Kirby, Corinne Griffith, Morrie Ryskind, Mrs. Edith Jaeger, Reginald Denny, Mrs. Arthur Shellhorn, Bruce Raegen, and Louise Ward Watkins, gathered Thursday afternoon at the Rolling Hills home of Mrs. C. W. Beck to hear a current analysis of various treaties being advanced by the United Nations, and how they could be used to nullify the U. S. Constitution itself, since the Supreme Court interprets Article VI of the Constitution to mean that treaties and executive agreements are the supreme law of the land, taking precedence even over that document.

Thus, said Dr. William V. Lawlor, who was the principal speaker, already American servicemen sent overseas have been deprived of their Constitutional rights as U. S. Citizens by the terms of the so-called Status of Forces treaty. This provides that American service personnel (but not the personnel of the State Department or other such government agencies) shall be tried in foreign courts, under foreign laws, for infractions committed while on foreign soil.

Already more than 1,500 American servicemen have been tried, convicted, and sentenced under this little-known treaty, it was pointed out, including two American soldiers each sentenced in French courts to five years in solitary confinement for joy-riding in a taxicab. Under our own Bill of Rights, such a sentence would have been impossible for such a crime, since it would violate the provision against "cruel and unusual punishment;" but since our servicemen abroad no longer have the protection of our Constitution because of the Status of Forces treaty, Dr. Lawlor said, such cases are by no means unusual.

Title Misleading
Another far-reaching treaty long in preparation in the UN, according to the speaker, is that known as the Convention on Human Rights. Though the draft bears the signature of the United States representative in the UN, Henry Cabot Lodge, this one has not yet been submitted for approval by the Senate and thus has not yet taken effect.

Dr. Lawlor pointed out that the high-sounding title is very misleading, since all "rights" mentioned in the text are to be granted or withdrawn from their people at the sole discretion of the governments concerned. This is the exact opposite of the American concept of the rights of the people, which by our Constitution are God-given and inalienable, not to be taken away from us by any governmental authority, he said. "What rights does anyone have," he asked, "if your government can decide whether you have them or you don't?"

Significantly, the right to your own property, which is a cornerstone of the American Bill of Rights, was omitted from the proposed UN Human Rights convention by a vote of 12 to 2—"yet this sorry thing would, if we accept it, take the place of and nullify our own magnificent Bill of Rights."

U. S. Can't Withdraw
Asked, "Should we withdraw from the UN, and if so, what would we have in its place?" Dr. Lawlor startled the audience by explaining that there is no workable way of legally withdrawing from the UN at all, since to do so requires the consent of two-thirds of the General Assembly and the unanimous agreement of all five permanent members of the Security Council, including Soviet Russia—which in practical effect means there is no possibility of peaceful and orderly withdrawal. Instead, Dr. Lawlor said, what is necessary is for all Americans to work for the passage of the Bricker Amendment at this session of congress. This proposed Constitutional Amendment would make a simple change in Article VI to re-establish the supremacy of the U. S. Constitution in all internal affairs, and would nullify any treaty provision which conflicts with the Constitution.

Once such an amendment is enacted, Dr. Lawlor pointed out, the people would no longer need to fear that foreign treaties would encroach upon our own, domestic laws. The UN

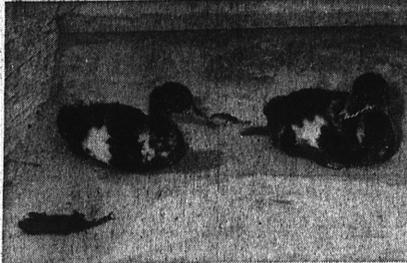


RETIREMENT GIFT . . . Sgt. G. S. "Bill" Evans, who retired from the Torrance Police Department on March 1 after 20 years of service, was feted at a luncheon Monday when off-duty officers and members of the city's official family met to honor the veteran officer. Shown here (left to right) are Police Chief Willard H. Haslam, Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett, former Chief J. H. Stroh, and Sergeant Evans. The gun was presented to Evans by members of the Torrance force.

could then function as a world forum and for other useful purposes, but could not become the means of bringing about One-World government without the consent of the American people.

Others Also Speak
Bruce Raegen, well-known investment banker, spoke briefly on the greatly improved chances for passage of the Bricker Amendment during this session of congress. Last year, he said, such an amendment missed by just one vote (60 to 31) getting the required two-thirds majority in the Senate. Since then, he said, indications are that much of the former opposition, including that from the White House, has been converted, with "only the die-hard One-Worlders remaining against the amendment."

Miss Griffith also spoke briefly of the very effective work being done throughout the country in educating the American people to the need for this Constitutional amendment.



"WE GOT HIM, PAL" . . . J. M. Dugas, of 2083 Lincoln Ave., has discovered a new type of gopher trap, in the form of his two three-week-old ducks. Dugas placed his duck pen over the gopher hole, and the next morning found the dead gopher (foreground). Gloating over their success are the two ducks, which usually do not kill other animals, he said.

Paper Drive Starts

A rag, paper and grease drive will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic School in Lombard.

Contributors are being asked to arrange to have items picked up during the day or brought to the school.

Industry, Business Get Grads

Upon graduation, over ninety per cent of Harbor Junior College students enter the field of business or industry for which they were taking training according to a survey recently completed at the College, it was announced today by William N. Kepley Jr., Dean of Curriculum and Instruction.

Since the primary aim of the college is to serve the needs of those in the community desiring to prepare themselves for immediate employment in a technical or semi-professional occupation, the survey results were gratifying to the college administration, Kepley said.

Although a technical institution, the College does offer a full program of lower division courses leading to the junior year in the State Universities or State Colleges, but less than ten per cent of the normal graduating classes complete this type of program, Kepley indicated.

State Income Tax Due on \$2000 Salary

Robert C. Kirkwood, Chairman of the Franchise Tax Board, Friday cautioned persons who moved into California during 1954 that they may be liable to file a California income tax return.

Those moving to California are taxable on their entire income after becoming residents. Nonresidents are taxable on income for services performed in California, on income derived from a business conducted in California, and on income from tangible property located in this state.

Returns for 1954 must be filed by single persons who had an income of \$2,000 or more and married couples who had an income of \$3,500 or more. Newcomers to California who are uncertain of their resident or income tax status may call at the local office of the Franchise Tax Board at MA 6-1515, Station 720 for assistance, or you may write to the headquarters office at 1020 N Street, Sacramento 14.

Walt Tortenson Routs Prowler After Chase with Unloaded Gun

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Saturday night, March 5, brought a lot of excitement to Green Meadows Ave. Marilyn and Walt Tortenson were watching television about 9 when Marilyn noticed a flashlight beam around the Frank Stamm home, at 4614 Green Meadows Ave., while they were away.

Walt went out to investigate and surprised a prowler at the back of the house. Walt was carrying a gun which he had thoughtfully picked up on the way out and he ordered the man to stop. The prowler took quick leave of the premises.

The gun in Walt's hand was not loaded, so the potential housebreaker was not in as much danger as he might have supposed.

A policeman called on the Tortensons later to find out all they knew of the incident. Another home in this area in the newer section was successfully broken into recently and a television set stolen. These incidents are more evidence that we need street lights in this section. Lights may not be sure protection against robberies, but statistics show that robberies go down 50 per cent in areas that are well lighted.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Miller, of 4820 Green Meadows Ave., with their two daughters, Sharon 8½ and Karen 3½, are leaving this area. They are moving to Dayton, O., and expect to leave this week. He is being transferred to that city by the AIREsearch Co.

Diek and Vern Ripple, of 4821 Green Meadows Ave., are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Little Nansen Gayle, was born on Feb. 28 and weighed 5 lbs. 1 oz.

Mrs. Frances Ritammel, of 4508 Newton St., is giving an address on Tuesday, March 15 at a dinner given by and for the Society of Women Engineers. Mrs. Ritammel, who is the convention chairman for this year's convention to be held in Los Angeles in June, is making one of the four speeches at the banquet. Her subject is a "Commentary on KH-17 Helicopter Flight Day."

Mrs. Ritammel is employed at the Hughes Aircraft plant, tool division. The dinner is being held at the Mona Lisa Restaurant on Wilshire Blvd. About 25 women engineers are expected to attend.

Frank and Jeanne Pope, of 4609 Green Meadows Ave., spent last Wednesday in Laguna Beach, where they visited with an old friend, Bob Gelhardt. Bob is with the Marine Air Corps and recently returned to his wife and child after a year's duty in Japan. Bob was best man at the Papes' wedding in Boston.

These warm days bring out the gypsy in us all, and some girls took advantage of the recent summer-like weather to take their children to the Walteria Park. The picnicers were Cecile Banaszuski and her two boys; Marilyn Tortenson, a daughter; Jeanne Pope, with son and daughter; and Sue Austin, with her little girl. After the luncheon the children enjoyed rides in the amusement park.

The Joseph Tomchaks celebrated five years of wedded bliss March 4, by taking a week end trip to Ensenada, Mexico leaving their children behind. The bumpy roads down in Mexico apparently shook loose a wheel connection, and the car went completely out of control and the couple narrowly missed a collision. Everything was repaired and they returned in good order. The accident happened just this side of the Mexican border.

Mobilgas Economy Run To Take South Route

The 1955 Mobilgas Economy Run will follow a rugged 1325-mile course through the Southwest with overnight stops at Tucson, Ariz., and Albuquerque, N. M., it was disclosed Wednesday by the American Automobile Assn.

A. C. Pillsbury, regional director of the AAA, said that the March 14 route has been a closely guarded secret for many weeks to prevent entrants from making advance practice runs with competing cars.

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